--- 25 Cigarettes - “Macdonald Tobacco” - alpha-numeric cancellations - 1961-74 ---

--- “Macdonald” alpha-numeric cancellations are mimeographed in these formats ---

--- on RC-394 - the imperforate, Series “C” *twenty-five* cigarettes stamp ---

1) **A / 1-10D**

2) **Q-3 / 1-10D**

3a) **P-2 / 1-10D**

1) with a 3 mm. typewritten blue stencilled single alphabetic letter (from A to P) alternating with a second line reading 1-10D. Most copies exhibit two mimeographs, or four lines, per stamp.

2) As above but with a number (from 1 to 3) appended to the letter. These begin with P-1 and run to X-3, then re-start at A-1 and run to N-3.

3) The short run of **O-1** to **Q-2** concludes the imperforate Series “C”, and is done with a better quality, slightly larger typeface (probably stencilled by a floating-ball IBM *Selectric* typewriter) in purple-blue 3½ mm. Modern Gothic main characters, plus a 3 mm. company code.

--- on RC-817 - the imperforate, “Wings” Series twenty-five cigarettes stamp ---

3b) **P-2 / 1-10D**

4) **R-3** / **1-10D**

5) A-1 / 1-10D

4) The “Wings Series” begins on the *twenty-five* cigarette **RC-817** using the 3½ Modern Roman IBM **P-2**, thus there is some code overlapping in purple-blue, but by **R-3** has switched to a light greenish-blue ink. This series runs to **Z-3**.

5) With A-1 the lettering switches to 4 mm. plain, thin blue Gothic and runs to conclusion at M-2, which should be in August 1974 when Ottawa supplied stamps were suspended.

--- 25 Cigarettes - “Macdonald Tobacco” - Type 1 - a single letter - 1961-62 ---

There are various anomalies in the cancellations, some probably attributable to faulty secretarial typing (as LL and W-11) but others seem inexplicable (such as U-5, Y-5, L-5 and I-1-S) which might also be typos, except for the fact that they are common and are found on both the twenty and twenty-five cigarette stamps.

I suppose if one was cancelling a batch of *twenty* cigarette stamps, the same stencil would be used for *twenty-five* cigarette stamps, and could be used both on blue and on red ink cancellations.

The later cancellations from “Macdonald Tobacco” were using a monthly coding system, with the *year-quarter* represented by the *letter*, and the *month of the quarter* represented by the attached *number*. Thus, working backward in months from August 1974, gives a starting date of July 1961 for the single letter dating - if one assumes that both P and P-1 were used in October 1962.

Type 1 - a single, 3 mm. “elite” mimeographed letter, over 1-10D - 16 copies to date

A / 1-10D - from July 1961

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961							A	B	C	D	E	F
1962	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P		

--- 25 Cigarettes - “Macdonald Tobacco” - a letter plus a number - 1962-68 ---

--- ★RC-394 -Type 2 - a 3 mm blue letter plus a number over 1-10D - 73 copies to date ---

Q-3 / 1-10D - from March 1963

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962										P-1	P-2	P-3
1963	Q-1	Q-2	Q-3	---	R-2	R-3	S-1	S-2	S-3	T-1	T-2	T-3
1964	U-1	U-2	U-3	V-1	V-2	V-3	W-1	W-2	W-3	X-1	X-2	X-3
1965	A-1	A-2	A-3	B-1	B-2	B-3	C-1	C-2	C-3	D-1	D-2	D-3
1966	E-1	E-2	E-3	F-1	F-2	F-3	G-1	G-2	G-3	H-1	H-2	H-3
1967	I-1	I-2	I-3	J-1	J-2	J-3	K-1	K-2	K-3	L-1	L-2	L-3
1968	M-1	M-2	M-3	N-1	N-2	N-3	O-1	O-2	O-3			

[plus W-11 and I-1-S]

--- ★RC-394 - Type 3a - a 3½ mm Roman IBM mimeographed purple letter plus a number over 1-10D - 2 copies to date ---

P-2 / 1-10D - from November 1968

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1968										**P-1**	**P-2**	---
1969	---	---	---									

--- 25 Cigarettes - “Wings” Series - “Macdonald Tobacco” -1968-69 ---

--- ★RC-817 - Type 3b - a 3½ mm Roman IBM mimeographed purple letter plus a number over 1-10D - 7 copies to date ---

P-2 / 1-10D - from November 1968 in Royal blue ink

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1968										---	P-2	P-3
1969	Q-1	Q-2	Q-3	R-1	R-2							

--- 25 Cigarettes - “Wings” Series - “Macdonald Tobacco” -1969-71 ---

--- ★RC-817 - Type 4 - a 3½ mm Roman IBM mimeographed green-blue letter plus a number over 1-10D - 25 copies to date ---

R-3 / 1-10D in greenish-blue - June 1969

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1969						R-3	S-1	S-2	S-3	T-1	T-2	T-3
1970	U-1	U-2	U-3	V-1	V-2	V-3	W-1	W-2	W-3	X-1	X-2	X-3
1971	Y-1	Y-2	Y-3	Z-1	Z-2	Z-3						

--- 25 Cigarettes - “Wings” Series - “Macdonald Tobacco” -1971-74 ---

--- ★RC-817 - Type 5 - a 4 mm thin blue Gothic mimeographed letter plus a number over 1-10D - 38 copies to date ---

E-3 / 1-10D - from September 1972

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1971							A-1	A-2	A-3	B-1	B-2	B-3
1972	C-1	C-2	C-3	D-1	D-2	D-3	E-1	E-2	E-3	F-1	F-2	F-3
1973	G-1	G-2	G-3	H-1	H-2	H-3	I-1	I-2	I-3	J-1	J-2	J-3
1974	K-1	K-2	K-3	L-1	L-2	L-3	M-1	M-2				

[plus L-5 in greenish-blue 4 mm. thin Gothic type - the sequence ends at M-2 in August 1974]

The switch in name from *W. C. Macdonald* to *R. J. R. Macdonald*, indicated a take-over of “Macdonald Tobacco” by *R. J. Reynolds Tobacco* of South Carolina in 1974.

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